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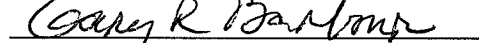
Parking of Recreational Vehicles on Public Streets

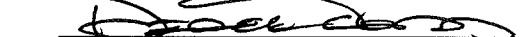
Agenda Date: Town Board Meeting – July 27, 2010

Attachments: a. revisions to Municipal Code Section 8-42, Recreational vehicles (Parking)

Fiscal Note:


Administrative Services Director

Submitted by: 
Police Chief

Approved for Presentation: 
Town Administrator

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Certification of Board Approval:

Town Clerk

Date

Summary Statement:

The ordinance has provided for the following:

“ . . . it is unlawful to park any such vehicle on any public right-of-way, including any street, alley or public parking lot except during the expeditious loading or unloading of such vehicle when completed without delay.”

The “expeditious loading or unloading” has proven to be problematically vague. The revision allows for 72 hours of parking on the street for loading or unloading of recreational vehicles. This is a practical matter for the proper cooling of refrigerators, charging of batteries, and the loading of equipment and supplies.

Detail of Issue/Request:

The ordinance is intended to provide for temporary parking of recreational vehicles for the purpose of preparing them for a trip or for unloading and preparing them for storage. There have been other versions of the ordinance in the past. In some cases the owners of recreational vehicles would merely move the vehicles a short distance in order to extend the amount of time they could leave them parked in front of their homes. It is expected that this ordinance will not allow that, it being explicit as to the amount of time parked on the street – any short term move notwithstanding.

Owners of the larger recreational vehicles with the refrigerators especially need about seventy-two (72) hours of time to have them parked and connected to household electricity to cool the refrigerator sufficiently for safe use.

Legal/Political Considerations:

Not Applicable

Alternatives/Options:

1. Leave the ordinance as it is. The complaint from recreational vehicle owners is that the present ordinance language does not allow them sufficient time for preparation of their vehicles or for unloading after a trip.
2. Change the amount of time allowed either to more time (four days, five days, etc.) or less time (two days, one day).
3. Change the amount of time allowed for loading or unloading to seventy-two hours (three days).

Financial Considerations:

Not Applicable

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed ordinance revision, allowing for seventy-two hours parking on the public street for loading and unloading, be approved.